AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/829,013
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following rewritten title:

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE <u>BROKERING</u> ~~BROKING~~ SYSTEM

Please amend the specification as follows:

Applicants have amended the specification of the instant application. Due to the
extensive nature of the amendments, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(3), Applicants request that the
specification be deleted in its entirety, and the replaced with the Substitute Specification attached
hereto. The Substitute Specification complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(a)-(b) and 37 C.F.R. §
1.125(b) and no new matter has been added to the Substitute Specification. Applicants are also
providing a red-line version of the Substitute Specification, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §
1.121(b)(3) and 1.125(b)(2). Entry of the Substitute Specification is requested.

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

An electronic open market system that stores public data able to be viewed by standardizing attribute information about the same products (or services) supplied by several suppliers so as to compare the product information. The system also stores non-public data including transaction rules set for each combination of a supplier and a buyer as a database for an agent. A buyer views the public data from the database via a data communication network to select a desired product and to apply to the agent for a transaction of the selected product. The agent reads the transaction rules applicable to the buyer who applied for the transaction, makes a cost estimate and presents it to the buyer. The buyer determines a supplier and the purchase conditions based on the cost estimate, and the agent carries out ordering procedures for the buyer and the supplier based on the determined purchase conditions.